Family Planning methods for birth spacing are being promoted as closely spaced pregnancies are a mojor cause of anaemia in women.

Target for use of Contraceptive

2854. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Medical Association is embarking on an ambitious project to help in achieving 60 per cent contraceptive usage target set by Government for the 2000 AD;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the modus operandi of building a national promotional campaign for making contraceptive usage popular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this regard has recently been received.

(b) Indian Medical Association (IMA) proposes to undertake competency based training with particular emphasis on knowledge, attitude and skills in all methods of family planning for the members of IMA. Three level workshops will be conducted including stimulated and clinical practice in Intra Uterine Device (IUD) insertions, vasectomy and mini laprotomy.

(c) Mass Media campaigns through press advertisements, hoardings, posters, radio commercials, TV spots etc. inter personal communication, counselling and augmentation of training programmes for various levels of health functionaries would be utilised for promoting usage.

Impact of Abortion on Pregnant Women's Health

2855. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of abortion are registered every year in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action to prevent the negative impact of abortion on pregnant women's health ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from the States, year-wise statement of the medical termination of pregnancies performed during the last 5 years is as follows :—

Year	No. of Terminations done
1988-89	582161
1989-90	596357
1990-91	581215
1991-92	632526*
1992-93	649404*

*Provisional.

(c) Under the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, abortions are performed as a health measure. To prevent the negative impact of illegal abortions, 7178 institutions with trained personnel have been approved for providing safe abortion. Funds have also been provided to the States for purchase of equipments, drugs and dressings and for training of personnel. Family Planning Services are provided to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

World No-Tobacco Day

2856. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the measures that Government have adopted to observe the World No-Tobacco Day;

(b) whether Government have conducted any Survey of the population addicted to Smoking;

(c) whether Government have analysed the causes and the ways of initiation to Smoking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The world no-tobacco day is observed by different Government and Voluntary organisations on the 31st May to create mass awareness about the ill-effects of tobacco consumption.

(b) According to ICMR, various Surveys show that the prevalence of tobacco use among males above 15 years of age varied between 46% and 63% in urban areas and between 32% and 74% in rural areas. Among females, it varied between 2% and 16% in urban areas and between 20% and 50% in rural areas.

(c) and (d) According to an ICMR study on "Anti-Tobacco Community Education", the major reasons for initiations to smoking were poor influence advertisements.

Shortage of Pharmacists in CGHS (Homoeopathy) Dispensaries

2857. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the strength of Doctors/ Pharmacists/Store Keepers in the CGHS dispensaries/units of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Delhi/New Delhi with details of their duties given in the CGHS compendium;

(b) whether due to shortage of Leave Reserves and Reliever Pharmacists has resulted in closure of the CGHS Units of ISM&H, if so, the details;

(c) whether the provisions for Leave Reserves and Reliever Pharmacists is not there for CGHS units of ISM & H and also not included under duties of the pharmacist in CGHS compendium;

(d) what are the reasons for sending the Pharmacists for relieving duties in the Units from the actual sanctioned strength of dispensaries of ISM & H which increases the difficulties of beneficiaries of dispensaries;

(e) whether Government propose to increase the strength of Pharmacists in the Units of ISM & H by their upgradation to avoid the closure of units and difficulties faced by beneficiaries, if so, what were the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any representation has been received by Government in this regard and the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The information is given in the Statement enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Whenever any pharmacist proceeds on leave or remains absent, a reliever pharmacist is sent from a nearby dispensary for smooth functioning of the dispensary.

(e) There is no such proposal at present in view of reply given at (b) above.

(f) No, Sir.

Statement

The strength of Doctors/ Pharmacists/Store Keepers in the CGHS Dispensaries/Units of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Delhi/New Delhi is as under :—

	Doctors	Pharmacists/ Pharmacist-cum-Store Keepers
Ayurveda	40	34
Homoeopathy	30	21
Unani	9	7
Siddha	2	—

The duties of doctors under Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy as given in the CGHS Compendium mainly include providing comprehensive medical care, including preventive and curative, family welfare, Maternal & Child Health and health education to the beneficiaries. They are also authorised to issue chits for restricted medicines, undertake domiciliary visits and are responsible for maintaining cleanliness of the dispensary. They are also authorise to refer the cases to a Specialist according to the instructions already laid down.

The duties of the Pharmacists include correct dispensing of medicines as per prescriptions issued by the Medical Officers, safe custody of the stores received by him.

The duties of Pharmacist-cum-Store Keeper will include supervision of dispensary store for the safe storage protection from loss, damage or deterioration in the condition of stocks, etc. He is also responsible for issue of local purchase medicines and would assist in dispensing work whenever so desired by the CMO Incharge of the dispensary.

Eligibility of Homoeopathic Pharmacy Course for Homoeopathic Pharmacists

2858. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the eligibility of Homoeopathic Pharmacy course